

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message:	Jurassic Park
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Jurassic Park is a warning against the abuse of technology. The movie stresses the need for humility before nature. The Bible teaches that nature is God's Creation, which should lead us to worship and humility before Him. But humility is not passivity: God calls us to "subdue" Creation, for our good and his glory.

Some questions to consider:

Where do you see God in nature?

Does the technology in your life lead you to love God and your neighbors? (For example, your cell phone or social media accounts). If not, what is one step you will take this week to change that?

Read Genesis 1:28 from the message notes. How are you "subduing" or influencing the world for God?

What does Jesus teach us about the meaning of humility?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version



MESSAGE NOTES



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humble (def): having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's own importance; not proud or arrogant

The world is God's creation, which should lead us to wonder at his power.

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made. Romans 1:20 (NIV)

Our wonder should lead us to worship.

¹⁴ But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵ We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶ LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. 1 Chronicles 29:14–16 (NIV)

To use technology well, we need humble hearts.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

But good intentions aren't enough: we also need humble minds.

²⁸ Suppose one of you wants to build a tower.
Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?
²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,
³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

Luke 14:28-30 (NIV)

God entered creation in Jesus Christ, giving us a perfect example of humility.

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:3–8 (NIV)